EDITORIAL

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"MINERAL KING #2"

There is little doubt that Mineral King,---a one-time mountain mining community 225 miles northeast of Los Angeles,---lies amid some of the most spectacular scenery in the High Sierras.

There's little doubt, either, that Californians would make use of another mountain and ski resort.

Original plans for developing Mineral King as a ski area in 1949 were set aside because of the prohibitive cost of building an all-year access road. At present, the area can be reached only during the summer by a dangerously rugged mountain road.

In 1965, a new Mineral King proposal was made and Walt Disney was selected as developer from among six submitted bids. Under the agreement, Disney will put up $35 million to build the largest mountain-ski resort complex in the United States. Buildings will be constructed on 80 acres held by Disney on a 30-year lease from the US Forestry Service. Ski runs and hiking trails will cover portions of the adjoining 13,000 acres of the valley.

Channel 7 feels the same question applies now as did in 1949. Should State Highway funds contributed by taxpayers be used to pay the bulk of the $23 to $25 million tab for the new million-dollar-a-mile highway to Mineral King?

We'll have more to say about this in our next KABC-TV editorial.

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